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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA "WELL AWARE" OF IRAN URANIUM RISKS

REF: A. STATE 77744

[1](#)B. PRETORIA 01618 (NOTAL)

[1](#)C. STATE 67405 (NOTAL)

Classified By: Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Raymond L. Brown. Reason
s 1.4(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) In response to reftel demarche, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Deputy Director: Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Michiel Combrink said the South African Government (SAG) is "well aware" of its obligations regarding Iranian attempts to procure new stocks of uranium. Speaking frankly, Combrink told PolOff on July 24 that the SAG finds "these types of demarches unhelpful and condescending." The SAG takes its multilateral obligations "very seriously." It knows Iran will target South Africa for possible uranium procurement (NFI).

[1](#)2. (S) The SAG welcomes specific, actionable information from the USG about possible illicit trade with Iran, as we provided in the past (for example, in refs B and C). Combrink reiterated that the SAG will fully cooperate in those cases.

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